

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	:	15-cr-125-SLT-RML
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- versus -	:	U.S. Courthouse
	:	Brooklyn, New York
GEORGE SILVERMAN,	:	
Defendant	:	May 2, 2015
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TRANSCRIPT OF CRIMINAL CAUSE FOR PLEADING
BEFORE THE HONORABLE ROBERT M. LEVY
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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1 THE CLERK: Criminal Cause for a Pleading in
2 the matter of United States v. Silverman. It's docket
3 number 15-cr-125.

4 Please state your appearances for the record.

5 MS. SEIFAN: Marisa Seifan for the United
6 States.

7 Good afternoon, your Honor.

8 THE COURT: Good afternoon.

9 MR. GLASSMAN: Evan Glassman of Steptoe &
10 Johnson for George Silverman, your Honor.

11 THE COURT: Good afternoon. Good afternoon,
12 sir.

13 THE DEFENDANT: George Silverman, your Honor.

14 G E O R G E S I L V E R M A N ,

15 called as a witness, having been first duly sworn,
16 was examined and testified as follows:

17 THE COURT: What is Mr. Silverman going to do
18 today?

19 MR. GLASSMAN: We're here to -- Mr. Silverman
20 is here to take a plea today to an information which
21 we've reviewed with him.

22 THE COURT: All right. And is he going to
23 waive indictment to do that?

24 MR. GLASSMAN: He's already signed the waiver
25 of indictment, yes.

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1 THE COURT: Okay. All right.

2 Mr. Silverman, I have here a waiver of
3 indictment and it appears that you've signed it.

4 Is that correct?

5 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

6 THE COURT: So before you signed it, did you
7 read it carefully and discuss the implications with your
8 lawyer?

9 THE DEFENDANT: I did, your Honor.

10 THE COURT: All right. So do you understand
11 what an indictment is?

12 THE DEFENDANT: I do.

13 THE COURT: All right. So by waiving
14 indictment, you're agreeing that the charges against you
15 or the evidence against you will not be brought before a
16 grand jury where a grand jury would determine whether
17 there's probable cause to believe there's enough evidence
18 to bring criminal charges against you.

19 Do you understand that?

20 THE DEFENDANT: I do, yes.

21 THE COURT: You have to speak up a little bit.

22 THE DEFENDANT: I'm sorry. Yes, your Honor,
23 and I understand.

24 THE COURT: Okay. And you understand that the
25 charges against you are potentially serious and that it

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1 is your absolute right, if you wish, to have a grand jury
2 filter the evidence and make a determination of whether
3 or not there is probable cause to indict you.

4 THE DEFENDANT: I do understand that, yes.

5 THE COURT: And that by proceeding by
6 information, you're proceeding by this document here
7 which I assume you've seen.

8 Correct?

9 THE DEFENDANT: That's correct, your Honor.

10 THE COURT: And which will not have that same
11 kind of protection that the grand jury indictment would
12 have.

13 THE DEFENDANT: I understand that.

14 THE COURT: All right. Are you making this
15 decision voluntarily?

16 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

17 THE COURT: Do you have any questions about
18 what you're doing?

19 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.

20 THE COURT: Okay. So I'm going to ask you a
21 lot of questions today. You're under oath. You'll have
22 to answer them honestly and completely. If you have any
23 questions about what I say, please feel free to consult
24 with your lawyer privately at any time, ask me any
25 questions, if you would like. If you do not answer it

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1 completely or truthfully, you could be prosecuted for
2 perjury.

3 Do you understand?

4 THE DEFENDANT: I understand, your Honor.

5 THE COURT: I also have here a consent form in
6 which I believe you've consented to have me, a magistrate
7 judge, hear your guilty plea.

8 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

9 THE COURT: And so I will be making a
10 recommendation to Judge Townes whether to accept it. She
11 would be the one who would ultimately decide whether to
12 accept your plea and how to sentence you.

13 Do you understand?

14 THE DEFENDANT: I understand, your Honor, yes.

15 THE COURT: And, of course, if you prefer not
16 to have me hear, I'm sure Judge Townes will be perfectly
17 happy to have you present your plea before her. So it's
18 totally your choice.

19 THE DEFENDANT: I -- it's a waiver?

20 THE COURT: It's a waiver.

21 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

22 THE COURT: It's basically a consent.

23 THE DEFENDANT: That's -- I consent. Yeah,
24 that's fine.

25 THE COURT: All right. So are you making this

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1 decision voluntarily?

2 THE DEFENDANT: I am, your Honor.

3 THE COURT: And do you have any questions about
4 what you're doing?

5 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.

6 THE COURT: Okay. So that consent is approved.
7 The waiver of indictment is approved.

8 So there's an information here and I'm just
9 going to ask Ms. Seifan to briefly explain the charges in
10 the information.

11 MS. SEIFAN: Mr. Silverman is charged in this
12 indictment (sic) with conspiracy to commit bank fraud
13 relating to obtaining a loan from Comerica Bank. I'm
14 happy to go into it in more detail but --

15 THE COURT: Yes, maybe just very briefly.

16 MS. SEIFAN: So between 1999 and 2008, Mr.
17 Silverman was a certified public accountant who worked
18 regularly for a bus company. The bus company had -- was
19 a holding company with several subsidiaries and they
20 provided transportation to children in the New York --
21 attending New York City public schools. This bus company
22 was operated and controlled by Jane Doe, an individual
23 known to the United States Attorney and also known to Mr.
24 Silverman and her children. Their offices were located
25 in Brooklyn.

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1 And in 2004, the bus company applied to
2 Comerica for a \$10 million loan. In support of that
3 application, the bus company submitted various fraudulent
4 financial statement and corporate income tax returns.

5 Mr. Silverman assisted in preparing certain of
6 those forms that were submitted to Comerica to obtain
7 that loan. In addition, the loan obligated -- once the
8 loan was approved, it obligated the bus company to submit
9 quarterly financial statement to Comerica and the bus
10 company submitted materially false and fraudulent
11 quarterly financial statements that misrepresented the
12 financial condition of the bus company, in order to
13 prevent the bank from discovering that the bus company
14 was in violation of the terms of the 2004 loan agreement.

15 And the defendant conspired with Jane Doe and
16 her children and others at the bus company to defraud
17 Comerica by assisting in the preparation of false and
18 fraudulent corporate income tax returns, financial
19 statements and the quarterly financial statements that
20 were submitted to Comerica.

21 THE COURT: Thank you. All right.

22 And do you understand that a conspiracy is an
23 agreement between two or more people to do something
24 illegal?

25 THE DEFENDANT: I do, your Honor.

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1 THE COURT: Okay. Do you have any questions
2 about the information?

3 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.

4 THE COURT: All right. I'll ask you later how
5 you plead as to the information.

6 Is this Mr. Silverman's first appearance before
7 the Court?

8 MS. SEIFAN: Yes, your Honor.

9 MR. GLASSMAN: Yes, your Honor.

10 THE COURT: All right. So do I need to arraign
11 him formally, as well, at this point?

12 MS. SEIFAN: No, he's never been --

13 THE COURT: He's never been advised of his
14 rights or --

15 MS. SEIFAN: Yes, he's never been.

16 THE COURT: Okay.

17 MS. SEIFAN: Yeah.

18 THE COURT: All right. So this is your initial
19 appearance before the Court and I understand you are
20 intending to plead guilty but I just need to advise you
21 of your rights basically and make sure that you
22 understand what the process is about.

23 You have a right to remain silent. Anything
24 you say here today can be used against you. Even if you
25 have made statements or you intend to make statements in

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1 the future, you don't have to say anything. And you can
2 consult with your lawyer before you make any statements
3 to the Court.

4 Do you understand?

5 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

6 THE COURT: All right. So can you tell me your
7 full name, please?

8 THE DEFENDANT: George Silverman.

9 THE COURT: How old are you, sir?

10 THE DEFENDANT: 57.

11 THE COURT: What's the last level of education
12 that you've completed?

13 THE DEFENDANT: Bachelor of Science, four years
14 of college.

15 THE COURT: Are you now or have you recently
16 been under the care of a doctor or a psychiatrist?

17 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.

18 THE COURT: In the past 24 hours, have you
19 taken any kind of medicine or pills?

20 THE DEFENDANT: No, your Honor.

21 THE COURT: In the last 24 hours, have you
22 taken drunken any alcoholic beverages or taken any
23 narcotic drugs?

24 THE DEFENDANT: No, your Honor.

25 THE COURT: Have you ever been hospitalized or

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1 treated for narcotic addiction, alcoholism or a mental or
2 emotional problem?

3 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.

4 THE COURT: Is your mind clear now?

5 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

6 THE COURT: Do you understand why you're here
7 and what's happening here today?

8 THE DEFENDANT: I do, your Honor.

9 THE COURT: I'm just going to ask your lawyer a
10 few questions and then come back to you.

11 Have you discussed this matter fully with Mr.
12 Silverman?

13 MR. GLASSMAN: Yes, your Honor.

14 THE COURT: Does he understand the rights that
15 he would be waiving by pleading guilty?

16 MR. GLASSMAN: Yes.

17 THE COURT: Is he capable of understanding the
18 nature of these proceedings?

19 MR. GLASSMAN: Yes, I believe he is, your
20 Honor.

21 THE COURT: Do you have any doubts as to his
22 competence to plead at this time?

23 MR. GLASSMAN: None.

24 THE COURT: In preparing for the plea, have you
25 advised him of the possible maximum and minimum sentence

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1 and fine and other penalties that he's facing?

2 MR. GLASSMAN: Yes, we've reviewed the
3 guidelines extensively, your Honor.

4 THE COURT: Have you explained to him how the
5 sentencing guidelines work and that the guidelines are
6 not binding on the Court?

7 MR. GLASSMAN: Yes, your Honor.

8 THE COURT: And have you advised him that
9 there's no guarantee at this time if he pleads guilty,
10 what his sentence will be?

11 MR. GLASSMAN: That's correct, your Honor.

12 THE COURT: And do you believe he understands
13 that if he is not a citizen of the United States, he
14 could be deported if there were certain charges that he
15 pled guilty to?

16 MR. GLASSMAN: He understands and he is a
17 citizen, so --

18 THE COURT: Okay. Do you think he understood
19 all of your discussions?

20 MR. GLASSMAN: Yes, I do believe he did, your
21 Honor.

22 THE COURT: Okay. All right. So, do you agree
23 with everything that your lawyer just said?

24 THE DEFENDANT: I do, your Honor.

25 THE COURT: Have you discussed your case with

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1 him fully?

2 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

3 THE COURT: Are you satisfied to have him
4 represent you?

5 THE DEFENDANT: I am, yes.

6 THE COURT: All right. So I am sure your
7 lawyer has explained to you how guilty pleas work but I
8 need to make sure you understand what your rights are
9 because you will be giving them up and what the possible
10 penalties are and then I'm going to ask you at that
11 point, whether you wish to plead guilty. And again, if
12 you have any questions at all, feel free to consult with
13 your lawyer or ask me.

14 So we've already gone through the information
15 and I'm satisfied that you fully understand the charges.
16 As for your rights, you do have a right to plead not
17 guilty and if you wish, you can have a trial in this
18 case.

19 Do you understand that?

20 THE DEFENDANT: I understand.

21 THE COURT: So, if you continue to plead not
22 guilty, you would have a right under the Constitution and
23 laws of the United States to a speedy and public trial by
24 jury with the help of your lawyer on the charges
25 contained in the information that was just explained.

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1 Do you understand?

2 THE DEFENDANT: I understand.

3 THE COURT: And if you cannot afford to retain
4 an attorney, the Court will ensure that you have an
5 attorney appointed to represent you at all stages of this
6 case. That means all the way through trial and if you
7 were convicted, through an appeal.

8 Do you understand?

9 THE DEFENDANT: I do, your Honor.

10 THE COURT: And again, that would be at no cost
11 to you and you would be able to obtain the advice and
12 representation of an attorney.

13 At your trial, if you went to trial, you would
14 be presumed innocent. The government would have to prove
15 your guilt by competent evidence that's admissible in
16 trial and it would have to convince a jury beyond a
17 reasonable doubt of any charges against you.

18 Do you understand?

19 THE DEFENDANT: I do, your Honor.

20 THE COURT: You would not have to prove any --
21 you wouldn't have to present any evidence at all or prove
22 that you're innocent.

23 Do you understand that?

24 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

25 THE COURT: All right. If the government fails

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1 to prove that you're guilty beyond a reasonable doubt,
2 the jurors would have a duty to find you not guilty, even
3 if you did everything that the government has accused you
4 of.

5 Do you understand?

6 THE DEFENDANT: I do understand that. Yes,
7 sir.

8 THE COURT: So, during your trial, the
9 government would have to bring its witnesses to court.
10 They would have to testify in your presence. You would
11 be able to listen to everything that's said in court
12 obviously. Your lawyer would be there to cross-examine
13 the witnesses, object to the government's evidence and to
14 present evidence in your defense and to call witnesses to
15 appear on your behalf.

16 Do you understand?

17 THE DEFENDANT: I do, your Honor.

18 THE COURT: And at your trial you would have a
19 choice. You may testify in you wished to do so. It's
20 your right. But if you choose not to testify, you have a
21 Fifth Amendment privilege which guarantees you the right
22 to remain silent. Nobody could force you testify if you
23 didn't want to and if you did choose to go to trial but
24 not to testify, Judge Townes would instruct the jurors
25 that they couldn't hold that against you and assume that

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1 you're guilty just because you didn't testify in your own
2 defense.

3 Do you understand?

4 THE DEFENDANT: I understand that, yes.

5 THE COURT: Okay. Any questions about anything
6 so far?

7 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.

8 THE COURT: So, if you do plead guilty, you'll
9 be giving up these rights and the other rights that I've
10 just explained. You won't have a trial. You won't be
11 able to cross-examine witnesses. They'll simply be a
12 judgment that you're guilty based on what you said here
13 today.

14 Do you understand?

15 THE DEFENDANT: I understand, your Honor.

16 THE COURT: You'll not be able to take back
17 your guilty plea or to appeal from the judgment of
18 guilty.

19 Do you understand?

20 THE DEFENDANT: I understand.

21 THE COURT: And if you do plead guilty, I am
22 going to have to ask you some questions, so I can be sure
23 that you really are guilty. You'll have to answer, admit
24 your guilt and when you do that, you'll give up your
25 right to remain silent and not to incriminate yourself.

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1 THE DEFENDANT: I understand.

2 THE COURT: Okay. Any questions about anything
3 so far?

4 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.

5 THE COURT: So, are you willing to give up your
6 right to a trial and the other rights that I've just
7 discussed?

8 THE DEFENDANT: I am, your Honor.

9 THE COURT: All right. So I have an agreement
10 here. I understand it's been marked as I see as Court
11 Exhibit 1 and on the last page, Mr. Silverman, I think I
12 see a signature above your name.

13 Did you sign this?

14 THE DEFENDANT: I did, your Honor.

15 THE COURT: And before you signed it, did you
16 read it carefully and discuss it with your lawyer and ask
17 him a lot of questions?

18 THE DEFENDANT: I did. We discussed it. Yes,
19 sir.

20 THE COURT: Right. And are you satisfied you
21 fully understand the agreement at this time?

22 THE DEFENDANT: I do, sir.

23 THE COURT: Okay. So Mr. Glassman, is this the
24 only agreement between the defense and the government at
25 this time

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1 MR. GLASSMAN: That's correct, yes.

2 THE COURT: Ms. Seifan?

3 MS. SEIFAN: That's correct.

4 THE COURT: All right. So according to the
5 agreement, you will waive indictment and plead guilty to
6 an information that we just discussed. The charge or the
7 count that you would plead guilty to carries the
8 following statutory penalties: a minimum of zero years
9 in prison and a maximum of thirty years.

10 Do you understand?

11 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

12 THE COURT: If you are sentenced to prison,
13 there's something called supervised release.

14 Do you understand what that is?

15 THE DEFENDANT: I do, your Honor.

16 THE COURT: All right. So if you're sentenced
17 to prison, upon your release, you could be sentenced to
18 supervised release for up to five years after you're
19 released from prison and there are separate penalties for
20 violating a condition of supervised release and the
21 maximum penalty for a violation of a condition of
22 supervised release, is up to three years in prison
23 without credit for the time that you had been on
24 supervised release or in prison on this charge.

25 Do you understand that?

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1 THE DEFENDANT: I do understand, yes.

2 THE COURT: There's a maximum possible fine of
3 up to the greater of \$1 million, twice the pecuniary gain
4 or twice the pecuniary loss.

5 Do you understand that?

6 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

7 THE COURT: There is also a provision for
8 restitution in an amount to be determined by the Court at
9 the time of sentencing.

10 Do you understand that?

11 THE DEFENDANT: I do, your Honor.

12 THE COURT: There is a \$100 special assessment
13 which you would have to pay to the Court. And there's
14 finally a provision for criminal forfeiture which is
15 described a little bit in the information and more in
16 paragraphs 4(f) through 4(n) of the agreement.

17 Are you familiar with that and how that works,
18 the forfeiture?

19 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, yes.

20 THE COURT: You discussed it with your lawyer?

21 THE DEFENDANT: I have, yes.

22 THE COURT: You fully understand it?

23 THE DEFENDANT: I do, your Honor.

24 THE COURT: Okay. All right. Paragraph 2
25 talks a little bit about sentencing and I know you and

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1 your lawyer had some discussions about sentencing. As I
2 said before, there's no guarantee what your sentence will
3 be. What Judge Townes will do is calculate your
4 sentencing guidelines range and as the name implies, the
5 guidelines are guides to help Judge Townes decide how to
6 sentence you. She'll calculate your guideline range.
7 She's not bound to sentence you under the guidelines but
8 she is required to consider them and then determine what
9 a fair sentence would be.

10 Do you understand?

11 THE DEFENDANT: I do understand.

12 THE COURT: And there are other factors which
13 the Court has to consider in deciding how to sentence
14 you. I'm going to read from the statute. The Court also
15 has to consider in addition to the guidelines, such
16 things as the circumstances of the offense, your
17 background, your respect for the law, what would be a
18 fair punishment, of deterrence, protecting the public
19 from further crimes and your individual need for
20 effective correctional treatment.

21 Do you understand?

22 THE DEFENDANT: I do, sir.

23 THE COURT: And there is no guarantee that
24 you'll be sentenced within the guideline range as I
25 mentioned before and you will not be able to take back

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1 your guilty plea, even if the sentence is not within the
2 guideline range.

3 THE DEFENDANT: I understand, your Honor.

4 THE COURT: So, at this time nobody knows for
5 sure what your guideline range will be. Anything that
6 you've been told either by your lawyer or by the
7 prosecution is just an estimate. It may well be an
8 accurate estimate but it's up to Judge Townes to decide
9 what that will be.

10 THE DEFENDANT: I understand that.

11 THE COURT: Is there anything further that the
12 government would like to put on the record with respect
13 to the guidelines?

14 MS. SEIFAN: No, (indiscernible).

15 THE COURT: The defense?

16 MR. GLASSMAN: No, your Honor.

17 THE COURT: Do you have any questions about the
18 guidelines or anything in the agreement pertaining to the
19 guidelines?

20 THE DEFENDANT: No, I fully understand what's
21 going on.

22 THE COURT: Okay. So in paragraph 3, you have
23 agreed not to appeal or otherwise challenge your
24 conviction or sentence if you receive a sentence -- I'm
25 sorry, a term of imprisonment within or below the

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1 applicable guideline range that Judge Townes or the Court
2 at the time determines at sentencing.

3 Do you understand that?

4 THE DEFENDANT: I do.

5 THE COURT: Okay. Is there anything else the
6 government would like to put on the record with respect
7 to the agreement?

8 MS. SEIFAN: No, your Honor.

9 THE COURT: The defense?

10 MR. GLASSMAN: No, your Honor.

11 THE COURT: Anything else you would like to
12 discuss from the agreement?

13 THE DEFENDANT: No, your Honor.

14 THE COURT: If you are sentenced to prison,
15 there is no early release on parole because we don't have
16 parole in the federal system anymore, unlike the state
17 courts.

18 Do you understand that?

19 THE DEFENDANT: I do, your Honor.

20 THE COURT: All right. Is there anything you
21 would like to ask me about your case or discuss privately
22 with your lawyer?

23 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.

24 THE COURT: Are you ready to proceed?

25 THE DEFENDANT: I am.

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1 THE COURT: So are you ready to plead at this
2 time too?

3 THE DEFENDANT: I am, your Honor.

4 THE COURT: So as to the information, how do
5 you plead, guilty or not guilty?

6 THE DEFENDANT: I plead guilty.

7 THE COURT: Are you pleading guilty
8 voluntarily?

9 THE DEFENDANT: I am, your Honor.

10 THE COURT: Has anyone forced you or threatened
11 you to make you agree --

12 THE DEFENDANT: No, your Honor.

13 THE COURT: -- to plead guilty?

14 THE DEFENDANT: No.

15 THE COURT: Has anybody promised you anything
16 to make you plead guilty?

17 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.

18 THE COURT: Mr. Glassman, is there any reason
19 why Mr. Silverman should not plead guilty to the
20 information at this time?

21 MR. GLASSMAN: No, your Honor.

22 THE COURT: All right. So again, how do you
23 plead, guilty or not guilty?

24 THE DEFENDANT: I plead guilty.

25 THE COURT: Okay. So can you tell me in your

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1 own words what it is that you did that makes you guilty
2 of this charge?

3 THE DEFENDANT: Between approximately May 2004
4 and April 2007, I agreed with others to obtain financing
5 for a bus company from Comerica Bank, by preparing and
6 submitting to Comerica false financial -- to Comerica
7 Bank, false financial information concerning the
8 financial condition of the bus company.

9 In addition, after Comerica Bank extended the
10 credit to the bus company, I participated with others in
11 the creation and submission of additional false,
12 financial information to Comerica Bank indicating that
13 the bus company was in compliance with their terms that
14 the bus company's loan agreements with Comerica Bank.

15 It was in Brooklyn, that I agreed to do this
16 and that I and others prepared false information to
17 accomplish those ends.

18 THE COURT: Is there anything else the
19 government would add or any questions at this time?

20 MS. SEIFAN: The information indicates that
21 Comerica Bank is a financial institution. The deposits
22 of Comerica were insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance
23 Corporation.

24 THE COURT: Thank you. Anything else from the
25 defense?

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1 MR. GLASSMAN: No, your Honor.

2 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Silverman, I find
3 that you are acting voluntarily, you fully understand
4 your rights, the charges against you, the rights you're
5 giving up by pleading guilty, the consequences of a
6 guilty plea, sentence, fine, criminal forfeiture and
7 other penalties that we've discussed. That you fully
8 understand that there's no guarantee what your sentence
9 will be at this time or even what the guideline range
10 will be. And that there's a factual basis for the plea,
11 that you did, in fact, do what's charged in information.

12 I, therefore, recommend that Judge Townes
13 accept your plea of guilty to the information.

14 THE DEFENDANT: Thank you, your Honor.

15 THE CLERK: Sentencing will be set by Judge
16 Townes.

17 THE COURT: So, I have a proposed bail package.
18 Is that correct?

19 MS. SEIFAN: That's correct, your Honor.

20 THE COURT: It's an unsecured bond with travel
21 restricted to the continental United States with prior
22 notification to pre-trial services when leaving New York
23 State, New Jersey and Connecticut.

24 I see we have someone here from pre-trial
25 services.

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1 PRETRIAL SERVICES OFFICER: Yes, your Honor.

2 THE COURT: So is there anything you want to
3 add to the conditions that I am about to read here at
4 this point? Have you --

5 PRETRIAL SERVICES OFFICER: No, your Honor.
6 They're consistent with our bail report.

7 THE COURT: Okay. Great.

8 You are to surrender -- do you have a passport
9 at this time?

10 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir. I already
11 surrendered it.

12 THE COURT: You already surrendered it. Okay.
13 And -- to pre-trial services?

14 PRETRIAL SERVICES OFFICER: Correct.

15 THE COURT: Great. You're not to apply for
16 another passport while the bond is in effect. You are
17 placed under the supervision of pre-trial services.
18 They'll direct how your supervision works. They'll tell
19 you when to report, how, whether by phone or in person,
20 how often, et cetera.

21 Do you understand how the unsecured bond works?
22 It's --

23 THE DEFENDANT: I do, your Honor.

24 THE COURT: Okay. So you don't have to put any
25 money down. As long as you follow all the conditions of

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1 the bond, you won't owe the government any money. If you
2 do violate any condition of the bond, for example, if you
3 don't come back to court when you're supposed to, or you
4 commit any crimes, or you violate any of the other
5 conditions, the government could come back, ask a judge
6 to revoke the bond and ask that you be detained and that
7 you owe the government \$100,000.

8 THE DEFENDANT: I understand, your Honor.

9 THE COURT: Do you have any questions at all?

10 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.

11 THE COURT: Okay. Anything else that either
12 party would add? Any other conditions?

13 MS. SEIFAN: No, your Honor.

14 MR. GLASSMAN: No, your Honor.

15 THE COURT: Okay. So I am going to hand this
16 down for you to sign.

17 (Pause)

18 THE COURT: Okay. Your bond is approved.
19 You'll get a copy of the bond. Pre-trial services will
20 get a copy and I think you'll need to meet with pre-trial
21 services after we're done.

22 We don't have a sentencing date at this time,
23 do we? No. Okay. All right. Anything else?

24 MS. SEIFAN: No, your Honor.

25 THE COURT: Okay. Good luck.

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1 MR. GLASSMAN: Thank you.

2 MS. SEIFAN: Thank you.

3 THE DEFENDANT: Thank you, your Honor.

4 (Matter concluded)

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